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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 0840

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF FRENCH, BRITISH AND GERMAN PERSONNEL

1. FRENCH CHARGE INFORMS US THAT HE HAS ASKED PARIS TO AUTHORIZE HIM TO CLOSE FRENCH LYCEE DESCARTES, WHERE MOST FRENCH TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE LOCATED, AND TO PLACE ALL TEACHERS ON TWO-MONTH HOLIDAY. THIS REQUEST WAS MADE SHORTLY AFTER A ROCKET HIT LYCEE DESCARTES ONLY 30 MINUTES BEFORE CLASSES WERE TO BEGIN TODAY (JANUARY 18) LIGHTLY WOUNDING ONE FRENCH TEACHER AND KILLING A KHMER MEMBER OF CLEANING STAFF. FRENCH CHARGE EXPLAINED THAT SCHOOL WOULD RESUME AFTER TWO MONTH VACATION, WHICH WOULD ALSO PERMIT REPAIRS TO BE MADE TO THE BUILDING. AIR FRANCE WILL BRING IN CHARTER AIRCRAFT ON JANUARY 20 TO FLY OUT LARGE NUMBER OF FRENCH DEPENDENTS AND, IF CHARGE'S REQUEST FOR SCHOOL

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VACATION IS APPROVED, FIRST GROUP OF NEARLY 300 FRENCH

TEACHERS HERE COULD LEAVE AT THAT TIME.

2. THE BRITISH EMBASSY INFORMS US THAT THE DEPENDENTS OF
THEIR OFFICIAL STAFF, THE DEPENDENTS OF TWO BRITISH TEACHERS

HERE AND THE TWO EMBASSY SECRETARIES WILL HAVE LEFT THE
COUNTRY BY TOMORROW (JANUARY 19).

3. THE CHIEF OF THE GERMAN INTERESTS SECTION OF THE FRENCH
EMBASSY TOLD US TODAY THAT HIS SECOND SECRETARY AND WIFE
WILL NOT RETURN FROM LEAVE; HIS CLERK WILL DEPART ON
JANUARY 21, AND HE WILL REMAIN AS SOLE MEMBER OF SECTION.
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